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THE FOL. MSG. REC'D FM AMCONSUL SONGKHLA SENT ACTION TO BANGKOK
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1. NUMBER OF REFUGEES IN CAMP AS OF JULY 1: 1,032
2. NUMBER OF REFUGEES IN CAMP AS OF JUNE 1: 1,090
3. NET DECREASE: 58
4. ARRIVALS: 201 (INCLUDES BABY BORN IN CAMP)
5. DEPARTURES: 299
 - A. TO U.S.: 119
 - B. TO AUSTRALIA: 95
 - C. TO FRANCE: 45

6. COMMENTS:
A. THE NUMBER OF ARRIVALS WAS THE SECOND LOWEST THIS YEAR.
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REFUGEES SAY THIS WAS MAINLY DUE TO THE ROUGH WEATHER.

B. ALTHOUGH THE NUMBER OF ARRIVALS WAS LOW THE NET DECREASE WAS
ONLY 58 REFUGEES. WE STILL HAVE 350 MORE REFUGEES NOW THAN ON
JANUARY 1. IF THE 153 REFUGEES HAD NOT SNUCK OUT OF THE CAMP,
THE INCREASE WOULD BE 503.

C. FIVE MONTHS STATISTICS (CONSULATE STATISTICS FOR JANUARY INCOMPLETE) SHOW THE U.S. HAS ACCEPTED AN AVERAGE OF 105 REFUGEES PER MONTH; THE AUSTRALIANS HAVE VERAGED 73; THE FRENCH, 26; OTHERS LESS THAN 3, AS STATED PREVIOUSLY; UNLESS WE INCREASE THE NUMBER WE ACCEPT RATHER DRASTICALLY, WE SHOULD LOOK FORWARD TO AN AVERAGE CAMP POPULATION OF NABOUT 1,000 FOR THE NEAR FUTURE.

D. THERE WAS A RELATIVE CALM DURING JUNE. RELATIONS BETWEEN THE REFUGEES AND THE RTG OFFICIALS WERE GOOD. THE EXISTENCE OF THE RECREATION AREA HAS HELPED THE MORALE OF THE REFUGEES ENORMOUSLY. PROVINCE OFFICIALS HAVE INDICATED THEY HAVE SELECTED A SITE FOR THE NEW CAMP. IT IS ON THE BEACH ABOUT THREE KILOMETERS FROM THE CENTER OF SONGKHLA. WHEN CONSTRUCTION OF THE CAMP WILL BEGIN IS NOT YET KNOWN. SIGNED HAYASHIDA. UNQUOTE.
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